GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002
INCOME FROM CABLE NETWORK ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total income received by the Government from various private cable network organisations in the country;

(b) whether the Government have any monitoring agency to check and inspect the modus operandi of these major cable network companies and their total monthly income;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for allowing those major cable network companies to remain unaccounted and unmonitored; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.370 FOR ANSWER ON 18.4.2002

(a) to (e): The total income accruing to the Government from various private Cable Network Organisations is not centrally compiled or collated. Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, has informed that the record of month- wise profits earned and income tax paid by the TV channels, is not maintained by the Department. However, the annual income of such firms/companies/individuals is assessed on the basis of their income tax returns.